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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: HTC DATE TYPED: 3/17/03 HB 915 & SB 693/HTCS

SHORT TITLE: License Plates for Disabled Veterans SB _____

ANALYST: Wilson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			See Narrative		OSF

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04			
		(\$Unknown)	Recurring	Motor Vehicle Suspend Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Relates to various specialty license plates proposed by the House and Senate.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Transportation Committee substitute for House Bill 915 and Senate Bill 693 allows a person who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was 100% disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United States to receive a special registration plate for a motorcycle. Current law allows a disabled veteran to receive a registration plate for up to two vehicles. CS/HB 915 & SB 693 allows one or both of these vehicles to be a motorcycle. No fee will be collected for either the special plate or the regular passenger motor vehicle registration plate or the regular motorcycle registration fees.

Significant Issues

TRD shall have the discretion to modify the design of the distinctive standard size vehicle registration plate issued for 100% disabled veterans in order to issue a reduced size motorcycle registration plate for that group of persons. A person eligible for up to two special registration plates for one hundred percent disabled veterans in this bill may choose to receive two standard size vehicle registration plates, two reduced size motorcycle registration plates or one of each.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

If there are 100% disabled veterans currently registering motorcycles who will now receive a special plate as well as free registration, these fees will be lost revenue. It is estimated that the loss will be insignificant.

The current budget for plates does not include the costs for the production and distribution of the smaller plates to include but not limited to system time requirements, procurement, distribution of new forms and training requirements of all staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The MVD will have to create new forms, codes and a financial program for the new plate code.

TRD may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this bill.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to:

- HB 75, Armed Forces Retirees Special License
- HB 201, Special Plates for Retired Firefighters (duplicate of SB 496)
- HB 378, Special Plates for Retired NM Letter Carriers
- HB 379, Special Plates for Letter Carriers
- HB 520, Special Plates for National Guard Members
- HB 566, Special Plates for Supporting Spayed Pets
- HB 602, Special Plates for Retired NM National Guard (duplicate of SB 622)
- HB 635, Special Plates for NM Fraternal Order of Police
- HB 656, Special Plates for Wildlife Artwork
- HB 704, License Plates for Civil Air Patrol, New Mexico Wing
- HB 760, Special Commemorative Route 66 License Plate (duplicate of SB 770)
- SB 197, License Plate for Active Duty Servicemen
- SB 210, License Plates for Retired State Police
- SB 211, License Plates for NM Mail Carriers
- SB 493, Special Plates for NM HS Rodeo Association
- SB 496, Special Plates for Retired Firefighters (duplicate of HB 201)
- SB 549, Special Plates for Search and Rescue Members
- SB 622, Special Plates for Retired NM National Guard (duplicate of HB 602)
- SB 770, Special Commemorative Route 66 License Plate (duplicate of HB 760)

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